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RE: Transportation Update for Use of the Multi-Function School Activity Bus

Dear Child Care Programs:

On October 4, 2012, you received an e-mail from Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) responding to your questions about the federal regulations and Georgia laws regarding transportation of children by child care programs.

Questions remained regarding the use of the Multi-Function School Activity Bus (MFSAB) and DECAL continued to research federal and state requirements for clarification.

As a result, DECAL has determined, with guidance from the National Highway Transportation Safety Association (NHTSA), that transportation using the MFSAB from a child care facility to home and from home to a child care facility is permissible under current Georgia Law. We have added information regarding the use of the MFSAB to the charts that were sent to you in October as a resource. We also sent vehicle-specific fact sheets to you in June. (The fact sheets from June and the current Vehicle Transportation chart are available on the DECAL website at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/Notifications.aspx> under the "E-Mail Alerts" tab.)

Remember: Always follow Child Safety Restraint System (CSRS) instructions for expiration, height/weight limits, and proper installation. For instructional videos on how to properly install a CSRS, visit <http://www.safercar.gov/parents/InstructionalVideos.htm>.

If you have additional questions about transporting children or about any other issue relating to the health and safety of children in your care, contact the child care consultant who visits your program.

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